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General Provisions

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of the refuge is to provide habitat for conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with habitat.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable state regulations. For all hunts except small game, weapon restrictions are in accordance with State regulations.

GeneralHunting Regulations

Public hunting is permitted on approximately 32,000 acres as shown on the reverse map.

All hunters must possess identification and a valid refuge hunt permit for the hunt in which they are participating. State Management Area stamps are not required. A state archery stamp will be required for all archery hunts. A turkey stamp is required to hunt turkey. State and Federal waterfowl stamps required to hunt waterfowl.

Access into the refuge hunt area will be through designated access points (see map) Vehicular access shown on map may vary according to weather and ground conditions. Vehicles are restricted to established roads.

Pre-hunt scouting (with permit) on foot is allowed anytime during daylight hours. Two days before each hunt, the hunt area will be open to vehicles, weather permitting. During pre-hunt scouting, weapons are not permitted on your person or in your vehicle.

Target practice is prohibited.

Woodgathering, camping, littering, and fires are prohibited. Dogs are prohibited except for Pinev Island waterfowl hunt. The refuge is open to daylight use only.

All hunters participating in the hog hunt and December quota gun hunts must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orangecolored material above the waistline. All other hunters are encouraged to wear orange for their safety.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages in refuge hunting area is prohibited.

Hunting from any paved or unpaved refuge road shown on map, is prohibited.

All firearms must be unloaded during vehicular transport.

It is unlawful to insert a nail, spike or other metal object into any tree or to hunt from any tree in which a nail, spike or other metal object has been inserted.

All game must be checked out at designated check stations.

The placing of or hunting over bait is prohibited.

No guns permitted on refuge during the archery hunt.

Tree Stands left in hunt area at hunter's own risk.

Specific

Hunting

Regulations

Use of flagging tape prohibited. Painting or defacing plants or trees prohibited.

Portions of the hunt area may be temporarily closed due to wildlife management practices such as prescribed burns.

ATV's are prohibited on refuge hunts.

During all hunts for hogs, there are no restrictions on the size or number taken.

Youth hunters (younger than 16 years) must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older and must remain within sight and normal voice contact of the adult. For big game hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth. For small game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than two youths.

Hunt companions regardless of age, must also possess a valid refuge hunt permit to be in the hunt area during the hunt.

Complete separate application and mail to address on back of application. Applications must be received by 4:00 pm., Monday, August 7, 2000. No faxes for applications will be accepted.

The drawing for quota hunt permits will be August 9, 2000. Only successful hunters will be notified. Permits are not transferable.

All hunters successfully drawn will receive a notification card. They must return that card with a \$12.50 hunt permit fee by 4:00 pm. September 8, 2000 to receive their hunt permit.

Daily bag limit: 2 deer per day either sex, unlimited hogs, 1 turkey per day. Possession limits: 4 deer, unlimited hogs. Season limit 2 turkey.

November 7-11, 2000 Tues.-Sat.

Deer and hogs (either sex), bearded turkevs only

Both Panacea and Wakulla Units.

General Gun December 9 -10, 2000 Sat. & Sun. 250 permits Deer (either sex), hogs, bearded

turkevs

Area

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Antlerless deer or any deer with both antlers less than 5" taken must be checked at Wakulla Beach Road Check Station to receive tags. December 15 -16, 2000 Fri. & Sat.

General Gun 110 permits

Deer (either sex), hogs, bearded turkevs

Panacea Unit only

Wakulla Unit only.

Antlerless deer or any deer with both antlers less than 5" taken must be checked at the Otter Lake Road check station to receive tags.

Mobility-Impaired December 9-10, 2000. General Person Gun Hunt Gun Sat. & Sun. 35 permits

Deer (either sex), hogs, bearded turkevs.

Section of Panacea Unit west of highway 372.

Hunters must be (1) permanently confined to a wheelchair. (2) require the use of mechanical aids (crutches and walkers) to walk, or (3) have single leg amoutations.

Archery January 12 - 14, 2001 Fri -Sun.

Deer (either sex), hogs (either sex). Bearded turkeys.

AreaWakulla Unit only.

> Antlerless deer or any deer with both antlers less than 5" taken must be checked at the Wakulla Beach Road. Check stations to receive

April 10 - 14, 2001 Tues. - Sat.

Bearded turkeys only

dismantled or encased after 1:00 p.m. while in refuge hunt area. Nov. 27 - Dec. 1, 2000 Mon.-Fri.

Both Panacea and Wakulla Units.

Weapons must be unloaded and

Non Quota Hunts General Gun Hogs (either sex) Species

Areas

Area

Weapons

Pineu Island

Species

Area

Waterfowl Hunt

Wakulla Unit and portion of Panacea Unit east of U.S. highway 98 (Coastal Hwv).

Gray squirrels and raccoons.

On front of this brochure. Permits

Small Game December 26, 2000 - January 7, 2001

Species Both Panacea and Wakulla Units.

AreaRestricted to .22 calibre rimfire

> firearms, shotguns with No. 4 shot or lighter. No buck shot. Possession of other weapons (including bows) or shot prohibited. Non-toxic shot only. Only steel shot and

Bismuth-Tin shot permitted. Muzzleloading guns (40 caliber or less) permitted.

Permits for small game hunt on front of this brochure. Permits must be *Permits* signed by hunter to be valid.

State Season

Piney Island only

Ducks and coots

Hunting from blinds left in area for more than one day is prohibited.

Use of island plants for blinds prohibited.

Permits

Available from office.

Choice A. Archery (Both Units)

500 permits

Print or tupe names

license.

2000-2001 Quota Hunt Application

the perforation, and return to St.

Marks NWR by August 7, 2000.

be shown as on current driver's

Successfully-drawn hunter will be

Up to five (5) hunters may apply as

a group on this form. No duplicate

Only two hunts may be selected.

Nov. 7 - 11, 2000.

Put "1" by first choice hunt and "2"

issued a notification card.

applications permitted.

by second choice hunt.

Complete this section, remove it at

Each hunter's name/address should

B. General Gun (Wakulla 250 permits Unit) Dec. 9 - 10, 2000.

C. Mobility-impaired 35 permits Person-Gun Hunt (Panacea Unit) Dec. 9 - 10, 2000.

D. General Gun (Panacea 110 permits Unit) Dec. 15 - 16, 2000.

E. Winter Archery 300 permits (Wakulla Unit)

Jan. 12 - 14, 2001. F. Spring Gobbler (Both

150 permits Units) April 10 - 14, 2001.

Name (Hunter #1)

City _____

Phone No. _____ Zip Code _____ Date of birth

Spring Gobbler

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Species

Quota Hunts

Permits

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

St. Marks

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2000-2001



Nov. 27 - Dec. 1 Hog Hunt and Dec. 26 - Jan. 7 Small Game Hunt Permit

This leaflet must be signed to be valid for the Nov. 27 - Dec. 1 hog hunt and Dec. 26 - Jan. 7 small game hunt permit. It must be carried by the hunter during the hunts. Companions must also have this permit while in hunt area.

please print

I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations.

(Permits are not transferable)